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Young rappers have a Tantrum

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Miracle baby Ethan 'glued' to the womb

A MIRACLE baby was born after doctors 'glued' him to the womb, ending 15 years of heartbreak for a city couple.

Emma Ryley and her husband Paul, 42, jumped at the chance to undergo the innovative technique used by CARE Fertility in Eaglestone after trying to start a family since 1999.

The 43-year-old from Broughton said: "I thought I was destined never to become a mum. It was heart-breaking."

"Paul and I tried for years and years and had tests, but nothing ever came back saying anything was wrong."

"As the years went by, my dream of motherhood just seemed to get further and further away."

The glue – named embryo glue – is a new technique used by fertility experts and works by increasing the embryo's ability to stick to the side of the womb.

The procedure was first used in the UK 18 months ago.

Mrs Riley added: "We had never heard of anything like this before, but we were willing to give anything a try."

"We knew that time was running out for us, so we wanted to give it everything we could."

"It was a surprising and unusual concept, but it seemed simple enough."

An embryo was dipped into the glue solution and transferred into Mrs Riley's womb. Two weeks later the couple received the news that she was pregnant.



Happy family: Paul and Emma Ryley are 'over the moon' after having baby Ethan thanks to an innovative fertility technique

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Mrs Riley said: "We couldn't believe it. It was such an amazing moment. We were over the moon."

Her pregnancy went smoothly apart from when she started bleeding at 36 weeks and was rushed into Milton Keynes Hospital.

Baby Ethan, now seven months old, was born a week later at the hospital in March weighing a healthy 5lb 15oz.

Mrs Riley added: "It was the most emotional moment when I finally held Ethan in my arms and I knew I was a mum at last."

"I was shell shocked after he was born and spent the whole first night just looking at him."

"We'd had so many years of heart-break, but now we finally had our miracle baby – and it was all thanks to a tub of glue."



Team member: Lynne Nice

How did the experts do it?

LABORATORY manager Lynne Nice told MK NEWS how the team at CARE Fertility helped the couple have their much-wanted baby.

"The embryo glue, called hyaluronan, is actually a natural substance in the body that has been found to help increase the chances of an embryo sticking to the uterus."

"After embryo plantation it normally takes anything from 10 to 14 days before the couple know if they are pregnant."

"And from then on it is no different to any other pregnancy."

"All patients going through IVF could benefit from this treatment and research continues to show its benefits."

"The embryo glue costs £95 alongside IVF treatment that costs about £3,000."

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- The mother's egg is harvested with the father's sperm
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Empty surgery 'is a worry'

BY JAMES AVERILL

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THE city's MP has slammed NHS England over its 'reluctance' to reopen Willen Village Surgery.

The former GP practice has laid dormant since April last year and although a proposal to rescue it was put forward this year, NHS England has yet to back it. The building has now been put up for sale.

In March MK NEWS revealed how Newport Pagnell Medical Centre had offered to extend its services to operate out of the site, based at Willen Local Centre, during a visit by health minister Norman Lamb.

More than 4,000 patients had to be assigned to other city practices, many of which are now struggling to cope with the increased demand.

But MP Mark Lancaster, who has been leading talks with NHS England, told this newspaper of his frustration that a deal wasn't looking any closer.

He said: "I have been in communications with NHS England and working with the medical centre with a view to try and get the surgery opened under the wing of Newport Pagnell."

"I have found the whole process deeply frustrating and am at a loss as to why NHS England is so reluctant to look at the idea."

Mr Lancaster added the potential sale of the site didn't make much difference, but said any attempt to buy the surgery would need to be met



Flashback: Newport Pagnell Medical Centre's plans to operate in Willen were discussed with health minister Norman Lamb

with co-operation.

He added: "We must consider all options, but Newport Pagnell would

only buy the site if it had guarantees from NHS England that it would get funding.

"It is a worry it's taking so long."

We contacted NHS England but it refused to comment.

More hospital staff to address CQC concerns

THE chief executive of Milton Keynes Hospital has promised patients that staff numbers have been increased to address concerns raised by the Care Quality Commission.

The independent regulator of health services in the UK has been carrying out its latest inspection at the hospital, which is expected to end tomorrow.

In its previous report released in July last year, it highlighted staffing as a key area where the hospital was failing to meet essential standards, finding there were not enough members to keep people safe and meet their health and welfare needs.

But Joe Harrison has told MK NEWS that staffing levels have increased since the last inspection was carried out.

He said: "We have increased the number of doctors by 15 per cent and the number of nurses by 10 per cent."

"So all in all we have more clinical staff and we will continue ensuring that."

"We are not a perfect hospital, and we can always do better, but hopefully the CQC will recognise the improvements that we have made."

"I hope they will see the hard work that has been done."

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Lord of the rings: Kevin Beresford, president of the UK's Roundabout Appreciation Society (UKRAS)

Be more proud of roundabouts

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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THE president of the UK's Roundabout Appreciation Society (UKRAS) says Milton Keynes needs to do more with its roundabouts.

Kevin Beresford has recently been named Mr January in The Dull Men of Britain 2014 calendar created by The Dull Men's Club.

The 62-year-old, who spends his weekends travelling around the country photographing roundabouts, said: "Milton Keynes needs to be more inventive and put statues or make the roundabouts into pieces of art with

gardens. There is nothing more expressive than a roundabout and local council's need to take more civic pride in them. Roundabouts are an oasis in a sea of tarmac and they lift our spirits on long journeys."

Mr Beresford, from Redditch in Worcestershire, founded UKRAS 11 years ago but unfortunately his passion was not shared by his wife who has left him. "She left me and said I was too dull," added Mr Beresford. "But I enjoy roundabout spotting, it is a harmless hobby and all you need is a camera."

Mr Beresford told MK

NEWS about the fascinating roundabouts around the world, including one that is home to a working windmill and those in Australia that include the houses of parliament and a cricket club.

The 'lord of the rings' was pleased to hear about The Leaping Man statue on the A421 Fen Street roundabout which was inspired by Greg Rutherford's gold medal at the 2012 Olympics.

He hopes to feature it in his 2015 calendar of UK roundabouts.

Mr Beresford said: "Roundabouts are safer than traffic lights and they show a true British etiquette."

Footage of sex assault

MOBILE phone footage of a university student drunkenly slapping a sleeping woman's face with his flaccid penis could shatter his dreams of a career in law.

John Luke Dale, 21, from Abbeydale Grove, Monkston, who was studying criminology at Nottingham Trent University, took advantage of the woman after she fell asleep at digs in the city last year. But the sick behaviour did not come to light until later when a friend showed the video to workmates and the police were called.

Dale admitted sexual assault and was jailed for nine months at Nottingham Crown Court in September.

Yesterday lawyers tried to overturn the sentence at the Court of Appeal, but three judges rejected the case.

Arrest after car is attacked with axe

A MAN has been arrested in connection with an incident where a car was attacked with an axe.

At around 7.30pm on Friday, October 17 police were called to reports that a man was shouting abuse at passersby in Melrose Avenue by the entrance to

the Royal British Legion Club.

The offender then hit a nearby car with an axe. No-one was injured during the incident.

The 26-year-old has been bailed until November 27. Anyone with information should call police on 101.

Men charged after raid

THREE men are due to appear in court this morning in connection with a raid on the Leslie Davis jewellery store at the centre:mk on Thursday.

Bogdan Acinte, 27, from Stratford; Robert Caia, 27, from Wolverhampton and Gheorghe Cretu, 26, of no

fixed abode, were charged with conspiracy to commit a burglary with intent to steal.

They were also charged with intent to steal from stores in Watford in August.

The case was adjourned at MK Magistrates' Court yesterday as a Romanian interpreter wasn't found.

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Kick out the chanters

NEXT week, MK Dons take on Sheffield United at stadiummk and its fans have been chanting the name of a convicted rapist and supporting the crime of rape.

At the game will be thousands of young people and one hopes that the club will do all that it can to stop any chanting and remove from the stadium those responsible, immediately.

There may well be victims of rape and their friends and relatives in the ground and they should not be expected to sit through a game listening to vile chants in support of rape and a convicted rapist.

The player convicted of rape is being made a martyr by some Blades' fans. It may be difficult for MK Dons to act, but it can and it should. Sometimes a stand needs to be made and MK Dons is a new club and can set a new agenda for decency in football.

I was at university in Yorkshire at the time of the Yorkshire Ripper. I find it incomprehensible how Yorkshiremen can give support to a rapist. What must their wives, mothers, sisters, daughters and girlfriends be thinking? MK Dons would not tolerate racist chanting or disability discrimination. It cannot permit condoning the horrible crime of rape.

Name and address supplied

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A poor state of affairs

IT WAS shocking to read that two in five children are living in poverty in some areas of Milton Keynes (MK NEWS, October 8).

What a disgraceful situation – truly a stain on our city's reputation. The estimate that the UK is heading for 3.5million of its children living in poverty by 2020 is also a national scandal.

Thank you to MK NEWS and the MK Community Foundation for bringing this to our attention.

Unfortunately, much of the responsibility for this terrible situation lies with the austerity policies of the coalition government, which have led to increasing poverty and inequality, despite the fact that we are the sixth richest nation in the world.

A toxic mix of unemployment, low wages, zero hours contracts, wage freezes, cuts to welfare benefits, rent arrears, many caused by the unfair bedroom tax, poverty pay and debt are blighting many lives in Milton Keynes.

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Food Bank has reported that demand is up by 70 per cent compared to this time last year.

Thousands of people in Milton Keynes, including many people in work, are sliding into poverty and their children are suffering.

The coalition government, which includes our two Milton Keynes MPs, must address this scandal and give hope and a future to the poorest members of society, especially their children.

Dave Brunwin

Stony Stratford

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Make job advice work

I FEEL kind of angry.

I work for a small charity based in Milton Keynes, which delivers employability training focused on getting young people to interview people about their jobs.

I recently visited a local secondary school to propose a project which would have almost negligible financial cost to it (probably a quid a kid).

I met with senior staff and proposed a process of systematically bringing in guests from the world of work to answer students' questions about their

job, how they got it, what they like about it, etc. As well as expanding career horizons, the process would develop speaking and listening practice.

The goal I proposed was to have every student interview 50 guest workers, in small groups of two to four, before the age of 16. So one hour per year per student to interview eight guest workers in a carousel, six to eight minutes each.

The teachers told me that the school couldn't give up one hour per year from the English curriculum, which is taught for 156 hours per year, because it was under pressure to improve its English GCSE performance.

I think we should all do more to help schools see the reality of where students' lightbulb moments happen.

Tom Bulman

Worktree

Not on the right road

I TAKE issue with Philip Wareham about the 40 and 50mph restrictions smoothing the flow of traffic during carriage widening on the M1 (Letters, MK NEWS, October 8).

I commuted daily the entire time of the very protracted works and onto the further works on the M25. To say the reduction of the speed limit enhanced flow is dubious. Daily there were horrendous holdups both north and south. I have never understood how in the contraflow, which had no exits or joiners, it managed to come to a halt midway and then free flow by the end.

The 40mph limit stood for a few weeks on the original works then, presumably realising the chaos it was causing, was raised to 50mph, which did improve things a bit.

I agree reducing speed allows more vehicles per kilometre as distance between vehicles is

reduced, but congestion is a factor of capacity and time, not just capacity. If you reduced it to 50mph you would increase the volume of traffic on a given section of road, but it would take too long to clear.

Tony Marsh

Bushey Bartrams, Shenley Brook End

Don't park our worries

IT WORRIES me that Councillor Brian White, who has played an important role in MK planning for many years, doesn't distinguish between so-called supporters of the multi-storey car park, who were canvassed on their doorsteps and given who knows what information, and objectors who have taken the trouble to read about it and have given considered reasons for their opposition ('Letters won't alter verdict' on car park', MK NEWS, October 8).

We can't even be sure the supporters knew anything about the proposed charging regime, although I'm sure cost will affect their decision whether to use it.

Georgina Baldoun

Pastern Place, Downs Barn

Thank you to nurses

UNFORTUNATELY in my original letter in MK NEWS on October 15 I made a significant omission when I listed those who have contributed to my treatment.

I should have included nurses and support staff. This was an unforgivable error on my part.

I wish to apologise through your columns for excluding such key members of the medical team and for appearing oblivious to their participation in my treatment.

I trust this letter will go some way to make known that no slight was intended and make clear my regret for appearing so insensitive.

Michael Ridley

Wiltshire Way, Bletchley

Jon Brett's City Life

His column written exclusively for MK NEWS



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Its other claim to fame was that it was home to one of the largest McDonald's outside of London and the fast food restaurant has remained a favourite at the

renamed centre:mk ever since.

Just recently it has undergone a 'make-over', designed, I suppose, to appeal to a new generation of Big Mac fans.

Creepy Ronald McDonald the clown is long gone, now hungry punters enter the restaurant to be faced with a bank of computers and McDonald's 'police' stood around wearing pressed uniforms making sure you get your order right on the giant touch-screen pads.

The serving area has been moved

and the walls are darkly clad with bizarre wood-effect mosaics and pictures.

The seating configuration now boasts largely bar stools and feels somewhat cramped and uninviting.

I'm sure the McDonald's corporation must have spent millions of dollars on market research for their refits, but this doesn't work for me.

Fairing only slightly better, is the Burger King refit. Clearly with a fraction of the McDonald's budget,

it too has largely adopted the 'bar stool' approach to seating.

However, for some strange reason, it has clad the windows with a frosted peel off glaze which means you can neither look in, nor see out.

IF CMK burger new boys Byron and Ed's didn't charge around £15 for burger and chips, they would be my fast food restaurants of choice.

■ What do you think of the refits? Let us know at www.mkweb.co.uk/get-involved

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ceramic poppies to progressively fill the tower's moat and encircle the iconic landmark as part of a major art installation created by artist Paul Cummins.

Keith Moor, chief marketing officer at Santander and one of the volunteers, said: "It would

take one person three-and-a-half years to install all the poppies so when you consider that each poppy represents a life, you begin to understand the scale of the sacrifice, making it a very poignant and moving experience."

Game called off following brawl

BY SCOTT KIRK

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SIX players were sent off and a football match abandoned on Saturday after a brawl broke out.

Wolverton Town were entertaining Aston Clinton and losing 5-2 when a scuffle began in the 81st minute after an incident between two of the players, although who was responsible for starting the fight is unclear.

Mark Foster, chairman of Aston Clinton, based near Aylesbury, claimed fans began to get involved in the

dispute and said he understood why the referee called the game off.

"It was a very unsavoury incident," he said. "I felt a bit sorry for the referee – people coming onto the pitch shouldn't happen at any level."

"It takes two to tango but we don't hold any grudges."

Wolverton Town chairman Scott Humphries said he did not understand why the game was called off because 10 minutes after the abandonment, the players enjoyed a sandwich with each other in the clubhouse.

He added that he had watched a video of the incident and said five of his players had been suspended subject to them providing a statement about what happened in the incident.

"We have never had a game abandoned and I'm still at a loss as to why the referee called it off," said Mr Humphries.

"Once everyone was split up it was over."

Neither the ambulance or police service had to respond to the melee.

Berks-Bucks FA is looking into the incident.

MKNEWS BRIEFS

Joe Kent trial starts

A TRIAL investigating the death of popular tattoo artist Joe Kent began yesterday at Luton Crown Court. Joe died outside Xscape in January 2013. Samir Bostan, 27, denies his manslaughter. Visit mkweb.co.uk for updates.

1D's Niall tees off

ONE Direction star Niall Horan played a round of golf at Woburn Golf Club on Monday. He was pictured with rugby playing pals Ben Foden and George North.

Motocross inquiry

AN INQUIRY into whether motocross should take place in Pineham began yesterday.

MK Decides... who does the best fry up?



MISTER Tea's cafe in Fenny Stratford is the best place in the city for a fry up – as voted for by MKWeb readers.

The cafe, which is celebrating its 30th anniversary in Victoria Road, left customers feeling fine with its breakfast dish.

Owner Angelo Martuccio, 49, credits his staff – including wife Lisa – for their success, as well as using quality ingredients.

He said: "It's fantastic, I'm pretty chuffed and you can't get a better recommendation."

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Lydia is drinks advert model...

BY NISHA MAL
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A FASHION blogger has been chosen to star alongside Made in Chelsea's Emma Miller in a new drinks advert.

Lydia Millen, from Willen Park, pictured, is one of the new faces for Tia Maria and was flown out to Ibiza with other bloggers to shoot the glossy advert with a top fashion photographer.

The 26-year-old, who has had her articles featured in top magazines, including Elle, Cosmopolitan and InStyle, said: "I was very excited but it was also scary to work with other bloggers that I admire so much, it was nuts. "I used to be a model when I

was younger so I have some experience in the industry. It was amazing but really busy – sometimes we worked until 2am."

Speaking about Emma,

Lydia said: "She was really nice and friendly but I think she was a bit confused with the brief because her brother handles all her online queries and I don't think she read it."



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THE Milton Keynes Sexiest Man 2015 Calendar competition has begun. Pictures from the previous calenders were trending on www.mkweb.co.uk but can you beat these hotties to make the final?

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AS THE clocks go back on Sunday, police are warning residents to be on their guard against burglars in the winter months. Police are increasing patrols, but if you suspect anything call 101.

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Exposure at Willen

POLICE are looking for a man who undid his trousers and touched himself behind a 64-year-old woman in Willen Park on Sunday. Witnesses can call police on 101.

'Offer all patients HIV tests'

AN AIDS charity has said that Milton Keynes Hospital should start offering HIV tests to everyone who is admitted.

The National Aids Trust (NAT) believes the hospital should be offering tests to all patients, regardless of whether their medical issue is sexually related or not.

Statistics show that the late diagnosis rate for HIV in the city was 76 per cent in 2013, compared to the national average of 42.

An NAT spokesman said: "Testing for all those admitted to hospital is something which should be commissioned soon."

Chants could lead to arrest

MK DONS officials could expel, ban or arrest any fans who chant offensive songs about footballer Ched Evans in Tuesday night's home tie with Sheffield United.

Vile chants by Blades' fans at the weekend celebrated the former Sheffield United player's rape conviction after

his release from prison.

The club's ground regulations state: "The use of threatening behaviour, foul or abusive language is strictly forbidden and will result in arrest and/or ejection."

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Space to talk: Dr Stanley G Love speaks to school pupils

Astronaut visit is out of this world

SCHOOL pupils were given a rare opportunity to grill a US astronaut. Dr Stanley G Love, who has spent more than 306 hours in space, flew in from Oregon to lecture students young and old at the Open University yesterday.

He said: "I'd love to see some new British astronauts coming through."

High Ash School pupil Kartik Anand, nine, said: "It was breathtaking."

New town plan near Bletchley

BY JAMES AVERILL

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A MAJOR new town could neighbour Bletchley, Fenny Stratford and Water Eaton.

Early plans seen by MK NEWS show the proposed development is at an allocated site called Eaton Leys, just off V4 Watling Street and next to the A416.

The development is expected to include 1,900 properties, including affordable homes, two primary schools and a local centre, which

could include retail, a GP surgery and community hall.

Land owners Gallagher Estates have submitted a scoping opinion request to Milton Keynes Council which evaluates whether there is a need to carry out an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), prior to a full planning application.

A spokesman for Gallagher

Estates said: "We are planning to hold public exhibitions in November in Great Brickhill and the Lakes Estate."

Mohammed Khan, a Milton Keynes councillor for Bletchley, added: "This is going to be good news for Bletchley as there is a shortage of affordable homes. I can't see much opposition."

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Stop here. . .for Ebola screening

BY JESSICA DUNCAN

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A SIGN has been put up outside the Walk-in Centre that tells people who have visited West Africa to wait outside and ring the bell for further advice.

The move comes after the first suspected Ebola case – Farah Fassihi, from Kingsmead – returned from Nigeria feeling unwell and was ordered to wait outside the centre, now called the Urgent Care Service, on the Milton Keynes Hospital site.

The 27-year-old flew back from her holiday on September 29 but after landing at Heathrow she asked her mum to drive her straight to the centre.

She said: "As soon as I said I had just come back from Nigeria, before I said my symptoms, I was told to stand outside by the intercom, despite being ill, with a headache, nausea and just coming back from a hot country."

She argues this was unfair and like her treatment at



Stop: Sign tells patients who have visited West Africa to wait

A&E, where she was sectioned off in a room, there should have been protocol in place.

Farah added: "At the Walk-in Centre, I felt like I should have stayed in Nigeria and got treated there."

"There were no signs at all when I went so they were probably put up after I had been in."

A spokesman for the Urgent Care Service said: "We have implemented a screening process to minimise the risk to the public using our service."

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Brothers' talent

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A SIBLING rap duo aged nine and 11 have made it through to the regional finals of the nationwide Open Mic UK singing competition.

Brothers Daniel and Michael Oguntolam from Fishermead formed Tantrum as a summer project but decided to continue the act following its success and are now working on their debut album.

Daniel, also known as Xcell, and Michael, whose stage

name is Gamestar, will perform at Milton Keynes Christian Centre (MKCC) in Oldbrook on Saturday at noon.

If successful in the regional competition they will take part in the national under 16 final in London in December.

The cheeky chappies' rap about subjects like growing up, doing homework and computer games and produce beats that people like to dance to.

Michael said: "Rapping all comes naturally.

"We used to watch lots of videos on TV and then dad and Daniel decided we should create a group.

"Daniel raps and I am a good dancer and create the beats." Daniel added: "We work on it as a family and I would like to work with Drake or Snoop Dogg."

Mum Nana and dad Segun are the boys' manager and producer and are very proud of what they have achieved so far. Find out how to buy tickets for the regional finals by visiting www.mkweb.co.uk.

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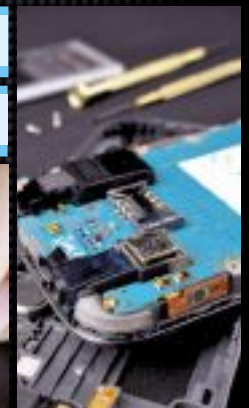
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Oh my gosh, rogan josh – it's a ghost!

BY JAMES AVERILL

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AN INDIAN restaurant is getting more ghost than gosht – as it has released a video which it believes shows paranormal activity.

Indian restaurant Calcutta Brasserie, based in Stony Stratford, experienced a 'bizarre presence' last week when the manager found

furniture knocked over one morning.

The mysterious CCTV footage, which was shared on YouTube and has been viewed more than 2,000 times, appeared to show lights flickering and various objects around the restaurant moving on their own.

Staff arrived early in the morning to prepare for the day ahead and noticed sever-

al things out of place and then surveyed the footage from the security camera.

Ali Ajmol, the restaurant's manager, said: "We thought someone was playing a practical joke on us but were shocked at the footage when we checked."

"Calcutta Brasserie is a 17th Century chapel and we have known of strange noises and goings on for years."

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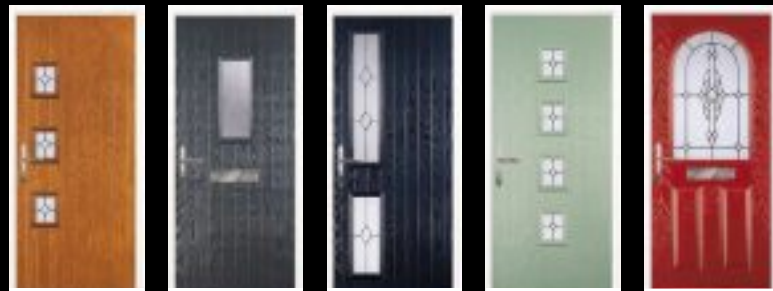


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Where else can I see the documents?

You can also look at the Topic Papers and the Site Allocations Plan in the Civic Offices and all Milton Keynes Libraries. Follow Milton Keynes Council on Twitter (@MKCouncil) to keep up-to-date with consultation events we are organising.

Plan:MK



Homecoming strikes chord with Lightning

BY JACK ASH

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THE only thing that went wrong on Saturday was the result after MK Lightning celebrated coming home.

Fans took to the streets on Saturday morning with a march from the Civic Offices to the new rink in celebration of the team moving into the refurbished MK Arena at the former Leisure Plaza site.

Former Lightning faced mothballing after the council discussed whether to knock down the rink.

But following a year's exile when the club had to play their home games in Coventry, the team is now back at their home site, but returned with a 2-1 defeat to Sheffield Steeldogs.

The club's general manager Vito Rausa said: "I was blown away by the number of people who came and watched.

"I was hoping for 1,000, with a best case scenario of 1,500, but I reckon we were closer to 2,500.

"The rink was bulging at the seams."

The parade on Saturday saw



Back in town: MK Lightning take on Sheffield Steeldogs in their first game back at MK Arena at the former Leisure Plaza site

hundreds of fans take to the streets.

Geoff Spring, 58, who was on the first march 10 years ago, which was organised to show support for the rink when there was a possibility it could be demolished, said: "There are so many people for which the ice has become part of their life and I'm not

surprised about the large turnout."

There wasn't just the ice hockey on at the weekend though, as recreational skaters celebrated the reopening with a ball on Friday.

Before the event, workers had been on site late into the night to ensure the building's completion.

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Mentally ill man jumped to death

BY SCOTT KIRK

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A SCHIZOPHRENIC man who took legal highs jumped to his death after failing to take his medication, an inquest has been told.

Paranoid schizophrenia sufferer Robert Warne, 39, of Beanhill, was found when he leapt off the A5 bridge near the V6 Redmoor roundabout on May 14 this year.

Milton Keynes Coroner's Court heard Mr Warne was first admitted to mental health unit the Campbell Centre some years ago.

His last stint there was in January of this year.

However, senior coroner Tom Osborne was satisfied there was nothing staff could have done to avoid Mr Warne's death.

Giving a conclusion of suicide, Mr Osborne said: "He (Mr Warne) had very little insight into the nature of his illness, so when he took his medication he thought he was

okay, but when it stopped he became unwell.

"Robert took legal highs which may have interfered with his medication.

"It appeared that Robert was beginning to make progress and it was felt that Robert was stable at the time."

The inquest also heard that Mr Warne had never attempted, threatened or indicated that he planned to commit suicide while he was at the Campbell Centre, although Bridget Warne, Robert's mother, said that he had mentioned killing himself on one occasion years ago.

"It was not a matter concerning the team looking after him, and while it may have been a concern of Mrs Warne on one occasion some years ago, it wasn't a matter of immediate concern to her," added Mr Osborne.

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The retailer has employed more than 50 people from the area as retail assistants and in management positions.

Store manager Jamie Mulkin said: "The reception has exceeded all expectations and we were so pleased to see all the people."

Mr Mulkin believes there were a number of reasons why they had so many people queuing outside, adding: "It's a combination of the way the place is laid out, our prices and the friendly customer service."

The 15,000 square foot store joins 70 others in the UK and Ireland and the company hopes to open a further seven to eight in the next 12

months. Bursting with fun and excitement, the leading toy retailer's shops offer a massive range of products from dolls and action figures to baby products and video games.

Shoppers of all ages seemed very impressed on Saturday.

Lisa Andrews, 38, said: "The little ones have loved it and they are already getting ideas for Christmas."

Twelve-year-old Tim Davies had already picked out his present: "The new FIFA is out and that's what I want."

Katie Phillips, eight, who had a Barbie in her hand and had enjoyed the face painting on offer was also pleased with her new toy.

Looking ahead to Christmas, Mr Mulkin already has tips on what will be flying off the shelves ahead of the big day.

He added: "Our exclusive dolls house, bikes and anything from our outdoor range will be popular."

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Basically the book is about a slave who works for the Richest Man in Babylon. He works so hard and intelligently for his master and makes him so much money that his master finally rewards him with his freedom. The ex-slave then went on to become the richest man in Babylon. Interestingly Babylon no longer exists today but at the time it was the richest city in the world.

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Chocolate week takes place every year to celebrate the nation's love of the sweet treat and the celebration ended with a show in London at Olympia West.

Chocoholics: Hayley Jane and Jack Green from Krispy Kreme



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Is poverty affecting kids on your estate?

BY SCOTT KIRK

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A DETAILED breakdown has been revealed into which areas of Milton Keynes are suffering the worst child poverty.

The figures from The Campaign to End Child Poverty, which is made up of more than 150 national organisations including children's charities, show that nearly a quarter of young people in the city are living below the headline.

The statistics come two weeks after Milton Keynes Community Foundation's Vital Signs Report 2014, which showed that two out of five children on certain estates were living in poverty.

Andrew Pakes, Labour's Parliamentary Candidate for the city, said: "We should all be worried that so many children are growing up in poverty and struggling to get the best opportunities for their future."

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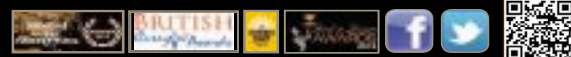
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Housing plan is launched by Ed

BY JAMES AVERILL
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LABOUR leader Ed Miliband has said he 'loves Milton Keynes and its people' – adding the city was 'a great model for many things'.

Mr Miliband visited the city for the fourth time in less than a year to launch the Lyons Report, which recommends that first-time buyers from the area get priority access rights when new homes go on sale.

And he told this newspaper that the area, which has two Conservative MPs, is an area to target in the 2015 elections.

He said: "I love coming here, it's a fantastic place with fantastic people."

"MK has great ambition and it is a great model for many of the things we should be doing. I'll be back here a lot before the general election."

In the launch at Oakgrove Village, Mr Miliband also pledged to build 200,000 homes a year until 2020.

The PM hopeful told MK NEWS: "We need more developments like Oakgrove."



Visit: Ed Miliband tours the Oakgrove development on Thursday, when he pledged to build more houses and target MK in elections

"We've said if a development takes place local councils will be able to have the power to say at least half of those can be set aside for first-time buyers."

But Conservative MP for Milton Keynes South, Iain Stewart, retorted: "Labour say they can meet their housing promises and not borrow a single penny extra to pay for it – but this just isn't credible." More at mkweb.co.uk.

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Is it time to revisit the smoking ban?

BY JAMES AVERILL

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A FORMER town councillor who was pilloried for proposing a smoking ban wants to see the issue discussed again.

Paul Bartlett, who used to serve on Stony Stratford Town Council, faced the wrath of figures such as UKIP leader Nigel Farage when he proposed to ban smoking in the town in 2011.

But a new report released this week by the London Health Commission has proposed banning the habit in public areas in the capital and Mr Bartlett wants to see it revisited closer to home.

Unsurprisingly, Mr Farage has already told MK NEWS he is 'utterly appalled' by the idea.

Mr Bartlett, who lives in Bancroft, said: "Of course the debate should be happening again. I think it is something that Stony could have led with, but I'm

delighted that somewhere like London is following Sydney and San Francisco in putting public health to the forefront.

"I believe that MK Council could do a lot more and The Parks Trust could do more by banning smoking in their parks."

Mr Bartlett said that the response to his proposals was 'vindictive' and resulted in physical assault from a stranger.

One of the strongest opposers was Mr Farage, who held a protest smoke in the High Street three years ago.

Speaking to MK NEWS about the current proposals, he said: "I'm utterly appalled. In Stony Stratford the idea was knocked down very quickly. I'm disgusted the idea is back but I'm not surprised."

A Milton Keynes Council spokesman said there 'were no current plans' to implement a ban in the city.



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Helping children with cancer this Christmas: Karen Channing and Mark and Dawn Allen from the Henry Allen Trust with some of the chocolate treats that will be donated during the festive season

Selection boxes for Henry's Trust

BY JESSICA DUNCAN

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AFTER receiving more than 170 nominations, The Henry Allen Trust will be supported by MK NEWS and MKWeb's selection box appeal this Christmas.

The charity, which was set up in March in memory of four-year-old Henry who died of Neuroblastoma a year ago this week, will receive the chocolate treats donated by our readers after topping our online poll.

Last year, more than 3,000

boxes were collected from residents and businesses and given to MK Food Bank.

This year Henry's mum Dawn, who is director and founder of the charity, said the boxes will go to children with cancer and their families at Milton Keynes Hospital and

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A CHARITY and its founder have been recognised in two prestigious national awards for working with young people.

Rachel Medill founded Ride High in 2008 after regular contact with her horse as a child helped her cope with her mum's illness.

Following her work with children from disadvantaged backgrounds to help them build their self-esteem through riding horses, she was named as a top 10 finalist in Change Makers by The Sunday Times and the Community Channel's Do Something Brilliant Campaign.

The competition recognises people whose ideas have had a big impact on society.

Rachel said: "One of my trustees nominated me and it was amazing to actually be shortlist-

ed, even though I didn't win. What started as a crazy idea with many challenges has turned into a programme that really benefits the children in our community."

As well as Rachel's personal recognition, the charity has also been shortlisted in the top 30 of the Guardian Charity Awards 2014, which will be announced in December.

"This is great, especially for those who haven't heard of us," added Rachel.

"We are already doing new things, like residential trips, as many of our children have never left the city. The award could help us get more support."

The charity, based in Great Brickhill, works with 100 children a week but still has a long waiting list so needs more volunteers.

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Zalt! Who goes there? Satirist Andy stops by at The Stables

LABELLED as the 'best satirical comic in the last 20 years' by TimeOut, it's fair to say Andy Zaltzman is at the top of his game.

His latest show, which stops by at The Stables in Wavendon tomorrow, forms part of the Satirist for Hire tour, which also took in the Edinburgh Festival.

Andy is half of the global hit topical podcast The Bugle, alongside John Oliver – a weekly satirical comedy show that launched in 2007 and now receives more than 200,000 downloads per episode from across the globe.

Now he takes his uniquely interactive new show on the road, giving audiences the chance

to have the issues they care about satirised to order by one of Britain's leading political comedians.

Ahead of each performance Andy is inviting members of the public who are exasperated by economics, piqued by politics, or wound up about the world to email their satiricoquery to

satirisethis@satiristforhire.com. During each show he will then proceed to butter up their hot potatoes and serve it directly back into their faces.

His performance at The Stables starts at 8.45pm tomorrow. Tickets cost £12 and can be bought from www.stables.org



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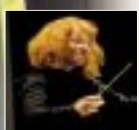
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SATURDAY 7 MARCH 2015 at 7.30 P.M.

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hauntingfun

DON'T let the ghosts spook you this Hallowe'en - make sure you get out and about and enjoy some of the many events.

Frosts Garden Centre has plenty of fun lined up. The House Of Hocus Pocus takes place from Saturday to October 31. The garden centre also has a wizard to guide you through its fun Hallowe'en experience.

And from Saturday until Friday, October 31 the venue will be holding a Hallowe'en Circus.

It's Trick and Treat week at Gulliver's from Sunday until October 31 when there will be activities for the family

to enjoy.

The Parks Trust has a Tricks and Treats event at Shenley Wood on October 28 (booking is essential). The trust is also holding spooky walks at Campbell Park between 6pm and 9pm on October 31. The walks are not suitable for young children.

At the Snozone there will be monstrous arts and

crafts from next Wednesday onwards, while 360 Play's Hallowe'en Party takes place on October 31 from 6pm.

There will be fun and games plus a fancy dress competition. Children's tickets include 'spooktacular' treats. Booking is necessary.

Finally, Freaky Fortnight is back at Mead Open Farm until October 31.



halfterm

SCHOOL'S out for thousands of children on Friday and the city is bursting with things to do this half-term.

On Saturday the free MK Gallery: Mini Makers Be Inspired event will take place for children over five at 1.30pm. Booking is essential. Or why not enjoy Hey Presto, based on the book by Nadia Shireen, at Stantonbury Theatre and suitable for children aged three and over at 2.30pm.

On Monday Arsenal Soccer Schools start with coaching by FA and UEFA trained coaches at Great Linford Primary School from 10am to 3pm.

On Tuesday to Thursday there will be Half Term Musical Theatre Courses at Milton Keynes Theatre from 10am. Next Wednesday head down to the free Mind Candy festival at the centre:mk, taking place all day.

From Monday to Friday your little ones could join Camp MK Activity Days or a week of science and history at MK Museum. On Thursday there will be a children's magic show at Stantonbury Theatre, suitable for ages four and over, at 2.30pm.

From Thursday to Sunday November 9, the annual Emmett and Sons funfair will be at Campbell Park and 'remember, remember' the fabulous fireworks display on Sunday, November 2 at 7.30pm.



antiqueactors

ACORN Antiques: The Musical! is coming to The Chrysalis Theatre from tonight until Sunday.

The musical about an antiques dealer is based on the parodic soap opera of the same name by Victoria Wood. It premiered in the West End in 2005 starring Julie Walters and Celia Imrie and won the Olivier Award for Best New Musical.

Tickets to the show, taking place at 7.30pm each day, cost between £12 and £15 from www.ticketsource.co.uk/ companymk

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LIVE dance act Galaxians will headline MK Gallery's Saturday Live Music.

With Jed Skinner on synths and Matt Woodward on the drums, the Galaxians have risen to prominence over the past two years.

House of John Player will also perform, which consists of one-man pop project Dean Spacer on his guitar and keyboard.

Tickets to the gig, at 7.30pm on Saturday, cost £6 on the door.



Comedy
Columnists
Gig guide



jarredchristmas

JARRED Christmas brings his 2014 tour Dogdish to That Time of the Month Comedy club in Newport Pagnell on Sunday, November 2.

With a unique style that deftly mixes gags with storytelling, he has a dynamic on-stage persona and the ability to improvise and roll with anything that's thrown his way, making his comedy sizzle with originality.

Full of passion and charisma, he takes the audience on a hilarious thrill ride of laughs and gasps with an edge of anger that manifests itself in his incredible rants against the small things in our lives.

At the age of 34 Jarred is reflecting on a life of accidental trials leading to a pre-midlife crisis of a man with no hobby.

He takes the audience through what else he has wanted to be in his younger days.

For instance, at the age of eight, he wanted to be the Milky Bar Kid, at 12 he accidentally dabbled in the occult and at 34 he thought he had enough good stories to make a good comedy show.

The gig at the Cannon in High Street begins at 7pm.

For tickets, which cost £8.80, go to www.wegotickets.com/event/270473



OUR pet expert AMY CONVERSE speaks about the firework season and how, while it might be exciting for humans, it's not always such a great time for our animals. Read the full article by Amy online at www.mkweb.co.uk

FIREWORKS can make celebrations exciting for us, but they are not always fun for our pets.

A study shows that 61 per cent of UK pet owners reported that their animals were scared of fireworks.

This is something we must help our pets cope with during fireworks season.

Generally most pets struggle with fireworks as they have more acute senses than

humans. Some signs of fear in dogs and cats can include cowering and hiding, trying to run away or escape (including digging up the carpet), house soiling and restlessness.

Dogs can sometimes bark excessively.

It is important to start preparations in advance of fireworks to help your pets cope better.

A few weeks before, you can

speak to your vet to discuss any treatments or behavioural therapy which can help.

There are natural supplements which can be given to calm the nerves and there are diffusers which can be used around the house to reduce stress, along with collars which dogs can wear.

It is also important to make sure your pet is micro-chipped in case he or she runs away.

homegig

METAL rockers Hacktivist begin their latest tour with a hometown gig.

The MK band kick things off again at The Craufurd Arms.

The five-piece, who fuse metal and grunge, have had a bumper 12 months having toured extensively and released new material.

Hacktivist gained national attention when they released their Cold Shoulders video shoot on YouTube in January 2012 and within a week it had attracted more than 100,000 views.

Other singles such as Unlike Us have gained support from BBC Radio 1, XFM and Kerrang! Radio.

They recently played their biggest gig to date when they lined up on the main stage for the Reading and Leeds festivals, sharing the limelight with acts such as Queens of the



Stone Age and Paramore. But it's all back to where it started when they rock up in Wolverton on November 14. Tickets for their homecoming gig, suitable for over 14s only, are sure to sell out soon,

so make every effort to try and get one before they're all snapped up. They cost from £8 from www.thecraufurdarms.com. Doors open from 7.30pm with support acts to be confirmed.

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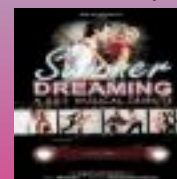
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We've teamed up with Gulliver's family theme parks to give five lucky readers the chance to win a Family Spook Special ticket to visit their nearest park for some spook-tastic Hallowe'en fun this half-term.

This year, Gulliver's is set to unveil the world's first Swizzels Trick & Treat Trail at all three of its theme parks in Warrington,

Matlock Bath and Milton Keynes, after joining forces with the family sweet makers.

The trail will run from October 25-31 and is full of scary surprises – if you dare to enter you'll face spooky challenges to earn sweet treats at various themed stations.

Play the Monster Mash to win a Drumstick lolly and mix a secret Rainbow Drops potion with Gulliver's witches to win a surprise Swizzels treat.

Dress up in your freakiest fancy dress (grown-ups too!) to win prizes every day while you enjoy specially haunted Gulliver's rides and attractions



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in addition to the extra fun of the Swizzels Trail.

Plus, parents can enjoy letting their little ones experience all the fun of Hallowe'en in a safe environment.

The Family Spook Special is valid for a family of up to six people.

For more information, visit www.gulliversfun.co.uk.

To be in with a chance of winning one of these fantastic prizes, simply answer the following question:

Which of these places does NOT have a Gulliver's Land theme park?

- A) Warrington
- B) Matlock Bath
- C) Milton Keynes
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noimpersonation

DIRTY Dancing star Roseanna Frascona says not watching the film has helped her get into character.

Roseanna stars as Baby Houseman in the play, which is based on the iconic movie starring Patrick Swayze.

"I haven't seen the film because I didn't want my performance to be an impersonation of the film," she said.

"If you really study a script and a person then you probably won't be far away from that version anyway."

Since opening in September 2011, the first ever UK tour has wowed audiences across the country, breaking box office records and playing to standing ovations and five star reviews.

Milton Keynes represents something of a halfway point for Roseanna and she is looking forward to playing the character in the city.

"I'm really excited about it and I can't wait to see what Milton Keynes has to offer," she said.

"The show is very much the film on stage but with some extra bits in it!"

"Every audience we've performed in front of has reacted differently, so I can't wait to see what happens over the next few weeks."

Dirty Dancing began its run at MK Theatre yesterday and will run until November 8.

Tickets cost between £10 and £49.50. To book go to www.atgtickets.com/miltonkeynes



walkingdead

THE Walking Dead came back on to our screens last week and it was one of my favourite ever episodes of the hit zombie series, writes Scott Kirk.

I love how the show doesn't just go for the obvious tale to tell and the cannibal storyline has been really interesting – and fear-inducing.

My only criticism of the show in the past has been that the narrative progressed a tad too slowly, but there was none of that in this magnificent opening salvo as Rick and the gang tried to fight their way out of Terminus. The show is on FOX on Mondays at 9pm.

Your essential guide to events big and small throughout Milton Keynes

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slavetrade

FOR Black History Month, commemorated across the UK, USA and Canada, The Cowper and Newton Museum has a special exhibition.

Touch some real slave trade artefacts and learn about its abolition. There will also be a film at the museum in Olney High Street, which is open from 10.30am to 4.30pm Tuesday to Saturday and costs £5 for adults, but is free for under 16s.

youthrangers

JOIN the community rangers at Make a Difference Day in Campbell Park.

From 2-4pm on Saturday, 11 to 17-year-olds can become youth rangers and get hands on skills in environmental work.

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bigdraw

JOIN the Big Draw with this year's theme, It's Our World.

The art event for children under five will take place at MK Gallery on Tuesday from 11am to noon.

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dankworthtribute

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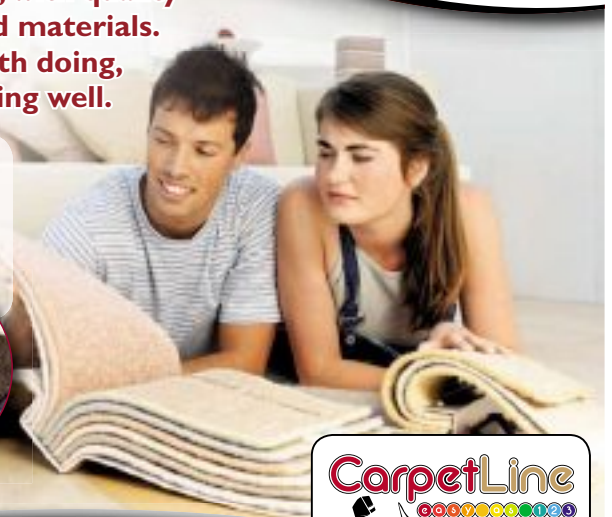


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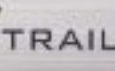
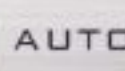
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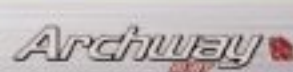


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That's where this 16 page supplement comes in as we aim to take some of the stress out of making sure everyone – including you – has a Christmas to remember.

We've done all the hard work trawling the shops and the events calendar to help you get the most out of the festive season. And if you do feel the need to take five minutes rest from all the preparations, there's a chance to win a brilliant prize in our competition.

We hope you enjoy reading this magazine and we would like to wish all our readers and advertisers a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year from us all.

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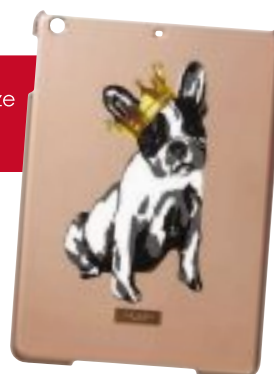


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Horns – Oct 29th

The supernatural thriller stars Daniel Radcliffe as Ig Perrish, the number one suspect in his girlfriend's rape and murder. Waking up hung over Ig finds he's grown horns that have the power to make people confess to their sins, a useful tool as he hunts down the true killers of his girlfriend Merrin.



The Imitation Game – Nov 14th

Benedict Cumberbatch stars as famous mathematician, cryptologist and code breaker Alan Turing in his quest to crack the German Enigma Code during World War II at Bletchley Park. The film follows Turing's life from the unhappy years spent at boarding school, the triumphs of his secret wartime work and the tragedy of his prosecution in 1952 for homosexual acts.



Hunger Games Mockingjay Part 1 – Nov 20th

Jennifer Lawrence returns as Katniss Everdeen in the latest instalment of the Hunger Games. In District 13 Katniss has shattered the Hunger Games forever as she fights to save Peeta and an entire nation inspired by her courage.



Horrible Bosses 2 – Nov 28th

Jason Bateman, Charlie Day and Jason Sudeikis return as average working men Nick, Dale and Kurt who decide to set up their own business. But things don't go to plan as an investor tries to take them down, prompting a crazy kidnap plot and blackmail in an attempt to take back their business. Jennifer Aniston, Jamie Foxx and Kevin Spacey reprise their roles alongside Chris Pine and Oscar Wultz as the latest obstacles standing between the trio and their success.



Paddington – Nov 30th

From darkest Peru a young bear travels to a London in search of a home, but soon finds himself lost and alone. Just as he begins to think city life is not all it's cracked up to be, he meets the Brown family who take him in after reading his label: "Please look after this bear. Thank you." But a museum taxidermist soon spots the rarest of bears...

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The Hobbit: Battle of Five Armies – Dec 12th

The third instalment of The Hobbit trilogy brings an epic conclusion to the journey of Bilbo Baggins and the Company of Dwarves, as they take on the ruthless dragon Smaug.

After taking back their homeland, the enraged dragon unleashes his rage on the defenceless Lake-town as Thorin becomes obsessed with hoarding his reclaimed treasure. As Thorin sacrifices his honour and his friends, Bilbo is forced to make a drastic choice after his desperate attempts at reason fail. But other dangers are lurking as Sauron sends legions of Orcs to attack the Lonely Mountain, forcing the Dwarves, Elves and Men to decide to unite or die. As the Battle of the Five Armies rages Bilbo must fight to save not only his own life, but the lives of his friends and all of Middle Earth.



Night at the Museum:

Secret of the Tomb – Dec 19th

Ben Stiller returns as watchman Larry as he travels the globe to save the magic of The Tablet of Ahkmenrah before it's disappears. Uniting characters old and new, Night at the Museum 3 stars Robin Williams, Ben Kingsley, Owen Wilson, Steve Coogan and Ricky Gervais in the museum's wildest adventure yet.



Dumb and Dumber To – Dec 19th

Jim Carey and Jeff Daniels are back as loveable idiots Lloyd and Harry twenty years on from their last adventure. After Lloyd reveals his long standing prank to Harry, the dim-witted duo head out to find Harry's long lost daughter as Lloyd falls in love again.

Exodus: Gods and Kings – Dec 26th

Ridley Scott adapts the Old Testament Book of Exodus in this epic adventure as one man dares to take on the strength of an entire empire. Leader Moses, played by Christian Bale, rises up against Egyptian Pharaoh Ramses and sets thousands of slaves on a journey to escape Egypt and its cycle of deadly plagues.



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Santa Brownies

Ok, we'll admit it: we cheated a little. Although using a pre-packaged brownie mix won't earn you too many points in the Great British Bakeoff tent, turning to Betty Crocker or her associates will save you time over the hectic festive period. These cute bites are simple to whip up for unannounced guests, but look impressive enough to take along to a party. And why not earn a few points with Santa by leaving one out for him on Christmas Eve?

Method:

1. Follow the instructions provided by the manufacturer to bake your brownies. Allow the tray to cool before shaping the cakes into rounds using a cookie cutter. Aim to get between 12 and 16 circles.
2. Beat the butter and mascarpone cheese together until light and creamy. Mix in the vanilla extract and salt, before adding the icing sugar a little at a time. Continue to beat the ingredients together. A little more icing sugar might be required in order to achieve a consistency that's stiff enough for it not to run off the top of the brownies.
3. Pipe a ring of buttercream on to the top of each brownie round. Alternatively, use a teaspoon to neatly apply a medium-thick layer.
4. Cut off the strawberry leaves, and push the flat base of each fruit on to an iced brownie.
5. To finish, add a daub of buttercream to the tip of each strawberry.

This recipe will make 12-16 brownies.

You will need:

A packet of chocolate brownie mix
(Read the directions on the box to see whether you will need to add any other ingredients to the batter. Individual brands may differ but most require an egg, oil and water.)

12-16 small strawberries

For the vanilla mascarpone buttercream:

115g of unsalted butter
115g mascarpone cheese
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Fig jam, Stilton and candied walnut puff pastry bites

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Method:

1. Preheat the oven to 220 degrees Celsius/gas mark seven. Line a large baking tray with grease-proof paper.
2. Lightly flour the worktop, and roll out the sheet of pastry. Cut the puff into three centimetre rounds using a cookie cutter, and transfer these onto the tray.
3. Whisk the egg yolk with a teaspoon of water, and brush each pastry lightly with the wash.
4. Place the pastries into the middle of the oven, and bake for 10 to 12 minutes until they are risen and golden in colour. Allow them to cool on a wire rack.
5. In a saucepan, bring the figs, water and rosemary to the boil. Lower the stove temperature until the solution simmers and stir frequently until the liquid reduces to a tablespoon's amount. Take the pan from the heat and add the chopped garlic, olive oil, Balsamic vinegar. Season to taste.
6. Transfer the fig mixture to a small bowl. Use a hand mixer to blend the figs until they are of a jam-like consistency.
7. Melt the butter in a small pan and stir in the brown sugar. Add the walnuts and cayenne

pepper. Fry lightly, adding a teaspoon of water whilst stirring regularly. After 10 minutes, transfer the glazed nuts on to parchment paper.

8. Using a small teaspoon spread the fig jam on top of the pastries. Dot on a small piece of Stilton, and add a candied walnut to garnish.

You will need:

A packet of shop-bought puff pastry
110g dried figs
¼ tsp dried rosemary or thyme
120ml water
1 tbs olive oil
1 ½ tsp Balsamic vinegar
A clove of garlic
135g Stilton cheese
30g chopped walnuts
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½ tbs light brown sugar
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It's panto time again (hurrah!) and that means jokes. Terrible jokes. Jokes that, in any other situation, would be booed off the stage (hiss!).

But with the festive season comes all sorts of silliness. Grown men squeeze themselves into frocks and too much make-up and girls dress as boys; the kind that wear tights, high-heeled boots and jaunty little caps with feathers in them. Thank goodness it only comes once a year and then it's behind you. Oh no it isn't!!

Oh, yes it jolly well is.

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Dec. 5 - Jan 4:**

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www.bedfordcornexchange.co.uk 01234 718 112

**The Grove Theatre, Dunstable -
Robin Hood and the Babes in the Wood:**

Dec. 12 - Jan 4:

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www.grovetheatre.co.uk 01582 602 080

Luton Library Theatre - A Christmas Carol:

Dec 13. - 24 (selected dates):

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Milton Keynes Theatre - Peter Pan:

Dec. :5 - Jan. 11:

Flying high across Centre:MK, Peter, Wendy and the Lost Boys are spending Christmas with Captain Hook, a bunch of Flawless pirates and him -or rather Smee - Bradley Walsh.

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On Saturday, November 29 the season of goodwill to all men, women and especially children, kicks off in Newport Pagnell with a family fun day. There'll be stalls to browse and entertainment to watch before the Christmas lights are switched on.

Every Christmas, the High Street and Market Square in Stony Stratford glitters and shines with magical, twinkling lights, and excitement builds as the festive season is officially launched following the town's Christmas Lights Switch-On Fun Day, which this year takes place at 5pm on Saturday, November 29. There

will be a lively mix of family entertainment, refreshments and market stalls and don't miss the Children's Lantern Parade from York House down to the Market Square and High Street before the big switch-on.

OH come all ye to Milton Keynes Theatre District for the annual Christmas Lights switch on which, this year, is being held on Sunday, November 30 from 4pm to 7pm. Father Christmas has promised a site visit, there'll be live music, stalls, activities as well as free kids' rides and free refreshments and it's all in aid of charity.

POP along to Queensway in Bletchley between 2pm and 6pm on Sunday, December 7 and check out the entertainment. You can join in with the carol singing, try out your triple salchow on the artificial ice rink, visit Santa in his grotto and enjoy the magic of the lantern parade - and then ooh and ahh as the Christmas lights are switched on!



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- Detached Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Private Gated Driveway
- Double Garage
- Private & Tranquil Rear Garden

A delightful five bedroom detached home in the stunning 'Great Linford Village', set in an enclosed plot, this exceptional property offers a private gated driveway; suitable for parking several vehicles and a double garage.

£600,000



Awaiting EPC

Little Horwood

- Grade II Listed Thatched Cottage
- Three Bedrooms
- 2/3 Acres
- Countryside Views
- Off Road Parking

A wonderful Grade II Listed thatched cottage set in glorious gardens approaching 2/3 acre in the delightful village of Little Horwood, enjoying open countryside views and a quiet setting.

£600,000



Awaiting EPC

Woburn Sands

- Detached Family Home
- Four Bedrooms
- Open Plan Kitchen/Diner
- Views over Lake
- Parking

A detached family home situated on the popular Parklands development with views over the children's play area and lake.

£450,000





Newport Pagnell Guide Price £439,000

- Seven Bedroom Character Home
- Jetty onto the River
- Open Countryside Views
- Fantastic Location
- Rear Garden Overlooking River



Awaiting EPC



Giffard Park Guide Price £350,000

- Four Bedroom Home
- Two Reception Rooms
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Re-fitted En-Suite
- Garden, Garage & Off Road Parking



EPC D



Milton Keynes £270,000

- Detached Family Home
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Kitchen & Lounge/Diner
- Bathroom & Separate WC
- En-Suite

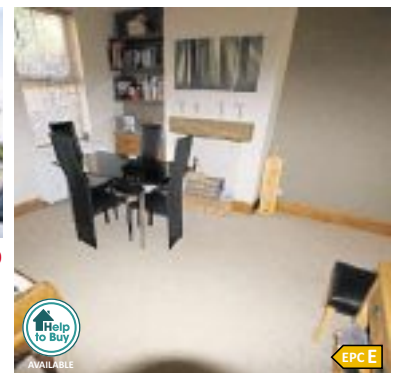


EPC D



Newport Pagnell £235,000

- End Terraced Home
- Three Bedrooms
- Victorian Property
- Sought After Location
- Off Road Parking



EPC E



Milton Keynes £250,000

- Detached Home
- Three Bedrooms
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- No Chain



Newport Pagnell £249,995

- Semi Detached Home
- Two Bedrooms
- Large Sized Rooms
- Family Bathroom



Leaside £240,000

- Three Bedroom Home
- Kitchen/Diner
- Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens



Brogborough £230,000

- Semi Detached Bungalow
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Gardens & Off Road Parking



Newport Pagnell £185,000

- Two Bedroom Home
- Good Sized Rear Garden
- Ample Parking
- Garage



Newport Pagnell OIEO £182,000

- Character Home
- Grade II Listed
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner



Newport Pagnell £175,000

- Two Bedroom Family Home
- No Chain
- Ample Parking
- Viewing Recommended



Newport Pagnell £95,000

- Retirement Apartment
- Over 55's
- One Bedroom
- No Chain

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Emerson Valley £350,000

- Link Detached Property
- Four Bedroom
- Two Reception Rooms
- Conservatory
- No Chain



EPC C



Milton Keynes Guide Price £310,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Spacious Accommodation
- Conservatory & South Facing Garden
- Garage & Off Road Parking



Awaiting EPC



Oxley Park £295,000

- Four Bedroom Townhouse
- Two Reception Rooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Garage & Rear Garden
- Two Reception Rooms



EPC B



Westcroft £360,000

- Four Bedroom Detached Property
- Three Reception Rooms
- Sought After Location
- Front & Rear Gardens

EPC C



Westcroft £340,000

- Four Bedroom Detached Property
- Three Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Gardens

EPC C



Oakhill £299,995

- Four Bedroom Three Storey Home
- Two Reception Rooms
- Driveway & Garage
- Conservatory & No Chain



EPC C



Medbourne £210,000

- Split Level Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Lounge/Diner



Awaiting EPC



Emerson Valley £200,000

- Six Offers in Under One Hour
- Similar Properties Urgently Required
- Two Bedroom Property
- Front & Rear Gardens

Awaiting EPC



Grange Farm £189,500

- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Sought After Location
- En-Suite to Master
- Allocated Parking



EPC B



PUBLIC NOTICE £165,950

34 Tenby Grove, Kingsmead, Milton Keynes, Bucks, MK4 4HN.
We advise that an offer has been made for the above property in the sum of £165,950. Any persons wishing to increase on this offer should notify the agents of their best offer prior to exchange of contracts. Taylors Estate Agents, 4 Barnsdale Drive, Westcroft, Milton Keynes, bucks, MK4 4DD, 01908 524456.

EPC C



Medbourne £145,000

- Upper Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Open Plan Lounge & Kitchen
- Allocated Parking



Awaiting EPC



Milton Keynes £85,000

- Two Bedroom First Floor Apartment
- Open Plan Living Space
- Shared Ownership
- Recently Redecorated

EPC C

WANTED

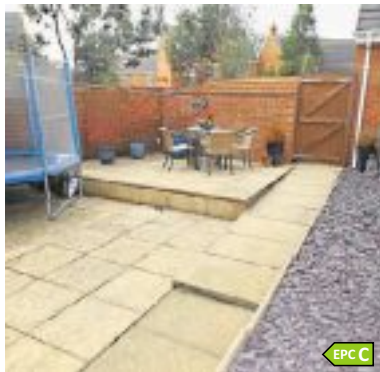
We urgently require a one or two bedroom shared ownership property for Mr M, a financially qualified buyer.

Call 01908 524456 if you are looking to sell.



Turnpike Court £389,995

- Five Bedroom Property
- Three Reception Rooms
- Utility Room
- Garden
- Off Road Parking & Garage

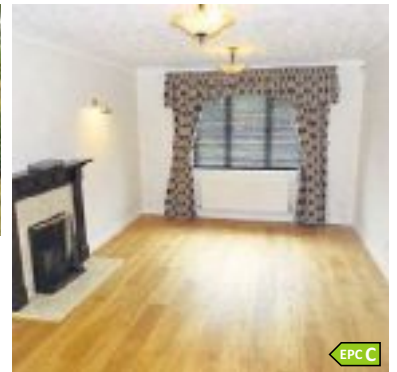


EPC C



Isaacson Drive £369,995

- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- No Upper Chain



EPC C



Milton Keynes £360,000

- Detached House
- Four Bedrooms
- Sought After Location
- Rear Garden & Garage
- Viewing Recommended



Awaiting EPC



Wavendon Gate OIEO £295,000

- Detached House
- Four Bedrooms
- Lounge & Kitchen/Diner
- Utility Room
- Bathroom, WC & En-Suite



EPC D



Warwick Avenue £275,000

- Semi Detached House
- Four Bedrooms
- Two En-Suites
- Garden
- Car Port & Parking



EPC C

WANTED

We have a large database of buyers looking for two, three & four bedroom properties across the MK7 & MK10 area postcodes. If you are thinking of selling now or in the near future please call the Kingston office on 01908 850954.

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Mr S is looking for a 2 bedroom apartment in the 'Vizion' complex in Central Milton Keynes. He has a budget of £250,000 - can you help?



Great Holm £399,995

- Four Bedroom Detached Home
- Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen & Study
- En-Suite & Bathroom
- Gardens & Double Garage



Broughton £299,995

- Three Bedroom Detached House
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
- Ample Off Road Parking

Mrs S is looking for a 3 bedroom house in Milton Keynes but it must be detached - can you help?



Oldbrook £285,000

- Detached Residence
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Garage Conversion



Medbourne £245,000

- Three Bedroom Mews House
- Two Reception Rooms
- Gardens & Off Road Parking
- Gas Central Heating



Stantonbury £225,000

- Semi Detached Home
- Four Bedrooms & Two Bathrooms
- Off Road Parking
- Rear Garden



Oldbrook £225,000

- Semi Detached Home
- Three Bedrooms
- En-Suite
- Garage & Off Road Parking



Stantonbury £169,995

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Gardens
- Garage



Vizion £195,000

- One Bedroom Apartment
- Recetion Room
- Bathroom
- Communal Gardens



Conniburrow £225,000

- Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Kitchen



Bancroft Park £360,000

- Four Bedrooms
- Detached Property
- Kitchen & Re-fitted Bathroom
- En-Suite

Do you live in Kingsmead? If you're thinking of selling please call 01908 678151 - we have five clients in particular who want to buy there and nowhere else!



Coffee Hall £185,000

- Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Bathrooms
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Oldbrook £168,000

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- Two Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
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NEW
EPC D

A spacious detached home offered for sale with No Upper Chain. The property has the added benefits of four double bedrooms on the first floor and a garage conversion providing a fifth bedroom with en-suite on the ground floor. The property has a front drive and a larger than average rear garden.

Crownhill
£330,000

EPC D

A well presented link detached house located on the very popular area of Willen with lakeside walks just a short stroll away. The property offers good size accommodation to include a spacious L-shaped kitchen/diner and has local schools and shops in close proximity. Viewing is highly recommended.

Willen
Offers In Excess £275,000

NEW
EPC D

Looking for sought after school catchments? Then viewing of this well presented four bedroom link detached house is a must. The property is located to the south east side of Milton Keynes and is situated on a popular residential area with good road links to Bletchley and Central Milton Keynes.

Wavendon Gate
£295,000

EPC C

- Four/Five Bedrooms
- Two/Three Reception Rooms
- Two Cloakrooms
- Two En-Suites
- Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge With Balcony
- Integral Garage
- No Above Chain

Ashland
Offers In Excess £330,000

NEW
EPC C

- Apartment
- First Floor
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Parking
- No Above Chain

Two Mile Ash
£129,995

EPC D

- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Two Reception Rooms
- Conservatory
- Kitchen
- Four Bedrooms
- En-Suite To Master
- Family Bathroom
- Garage

Buckingham
Offers In Excess £300,000

NEW
EPC E

- End Of Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast
- Three Bedrooms
- Shower Room
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking
- Viewing Is A Must

Bletchley
£215,000

EPC B

- Sought After Location
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Secure Entrance
- Parking
- No Above Chain

Newport Pagnell
£160,000

NEW
EPC D

- Detached
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Three Bedrooms
- En-Suite & Bathroom
- Gardens
- Garage
- No Above Chain

Emerson Valley
£260,000

EPC C

- Detached
- Kitchen
- Lounge/Diner
- Shower Room
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Front Garden

Fishermead
£210,000

EPC C

- Non Overlooked To Front
- Refitted Kitchen/Diner
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Lounge
- Three Bedrooms
- Shower Room
- Part Converted Garage
- Near To Grand Union Canal

Bletchley
£245,000

EPC B

- Seventh Floor
- One Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Lounge With Balcony
- Kitchen
- Secure Entry
- Allocated Parking
- No Above Chain

The HUB
£174,995

NEW
EPC C

- For The Over 60's
- One Bedroom
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Communal Lounge & Laundry
- Communal Gardens
- Guest Apartment
- Care Line Intercom System

Heelands
£74,950

NEW

- Recently Refurbished Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Open Plan Living
- Appliances
- Secure Entrance
- Store Room
- Viewing Recommended
- FEES APPLY

Central Milton Keynes
pcm £900

NEW PRICE

- Ground Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Open Plan Living Area
- Exclusive Garden Area
- Allocated Parking
- Tastefully Presented
- FEES APPLY

Campbell Park
pcm £1,050

NEW

- REDUCED ADMIN FEE
- Three Bedrooms
- En-Suite To Master
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Conservatory
- Garage
- FEES APPLY

Bletchley
pcm £1,250

NEW PRICE

- Detached Home
- Four Bedrooms
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Cloakroom
- Garage
- Immaculate Presentation
- Available from 14th November
- FEES APPLY

Oxley Park
pcm £1,350


- Recently Refurbished
- Three Bedroom
- Lounge with Log Burner Fire
- Dining Room
- Master with En-suite
- Established Rear Garden
- Garage
- FEES APPLY

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pcm £1,850

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Benefit Advisor (Subsidy and Stats)

Salary £24,000

Ref: 50019813

We are looking for an experienced Benefits practitioner to share their expertise by working on the audit of the subsidy claim as well as reviewing the accuracy of the data held within the systems.

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This job is an ideal opportunity for anyone who wants to expand their sphere of expertise in the Revenues and Benefits arena, gain a greater understanding of how the service fits in with the wider picture of local authority finances, and is looking to progress their career in the changing and challenging world of Revenues and Benefits

Benefit Advisor

£22,500

Ref: 50019761/50019883

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Ideally, you will also have a good working knowledge of Housing Benefit & Council Tax Reduction, although training will be provided to the right candidates.

Senior Benefit Advisor

£26,000

Ref: 50019793

We are looking for an enthusiastic & experienced, customer focused Senior Benefit Advisor. As well as processing to conclusion complex claims for Housing Benefit & Council Tax Reduction, you will answer enquiries from Members and MPs; assist in checking the accuracy of claims and provide coaching & mentoring to team members as required.

Focused on providing a top class service, with significant experience of accurately assessing all types of claims and ideally IRRV Level 3/Technician qualified, you need to be a good communicator, with excellent letter writing skills and good with figures.

Benefits Supervisor

Salary: £28,000

Ref: 59000656

We are looking for an experienced & customer focussed Benefit practitioner to supervise a team processing claims for Housing Benefit & Council Tax Reduction. As well as assisting in dealing with Service demand you will supervise team duties, manage the workload & resource availability & prepare performance information.

Ideally IRRV Level 3/tech qualified, you need to be an effective communicator with a good working knowledge of Housing Benefit & Council Tax Reduction legislation. You will also be able to demonstrate skill & knowledge of understanding & meeting the needs of our customers. Previous experience & success in supervising a team would be an advantage

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Ref: 59001259

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£19,817 - £21,734

Ref: 50017341

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For informal enquiries please contact Nickie Johnson on 01908 675575.

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£27,323 - £31,160

Ref: 59000286

Focused on tackling anti-social behaviour within the private sector, you will undertake enforcement work and act as the lead professional co-ordinating assistance for vulnerable residents, often with complex needs. Your experience of investigative or enforcement work will be matched by an understanding of local authority powers and relevant legislation.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport has made an Order on the A5 Trunk Road in Milton Keynes to enable carriageway resurfacing and associated works to be carried out in safety.

The works are expected to take place over 4 nights (9pm – 6am) beginning on or after Monday 3 November 2014.

The effect of the Order will be to close the A5 northbound -

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The Order will come into force on 27 October 2014 and have a maximum duration of eighteen months.

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Mrs Y A Tomkins, An official of the Highways Agency
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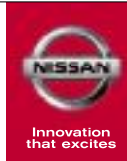
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Town downed by late Afobe penalty

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produced a shot that was deflected behind for a corner.

A minute later, Dele Alli powered a 30-yard piledriver at goal that took a deflection off Fleetwood skipper Nathan Pond, and Chris Maxwell did very well to tip the ball over the bar after adjusting for the extra touch.

Bowditch curled another effort wide on 14 minutes, and Dons were upping the ante early on.

The heavens opened after quarter of an hour, and you wondered whether Dons would be able to play the flowing, passing football that the team is recognised for.

Jordan Spence was inches away from finding Alli with a low cross in the 20th minute, and while it was all Dons, there was a sense that they needed to strike while the iron was hot.

Bowditch tickled the roof of the net with a shot in the 22nd minute, and there was only one team in it in the first half.

Will Grigg, preferred up front to Benik Afobe, was the victim of a push in the Fleetwood box in the 24th minute which referee Gavin Ward waved away, to the surprise of the stadium faithful.

Dons had won a myriad of corners in the first half, but the visitors from the Fylde coast repelled all of their set pieces, and the hosts were yet to create a real clear-cut opportunity.

A Ben Reeves corner went all the way through everyone in the box on the half-hour as the game became attack versus defence.

On 38 minutes came Dons' best chance of the half. Alli dispossessed an opponent just outside of his box, and Bowditch curled an effort which was saved brilliantly to his left by Maxwell



Level terms: Kyle McFadzean blasts in Dons' leveller Picture: Andy Handley

to keep the score at 0-0.

Fleetwood were doing a good job of crowding players out in their own box, as Daniel Powell could testify to when it happened to him five minutes from time.

The second half began as the first had ended, but Dons began passing the ball with a bit more zip as some wonderful build-up play resulted in Dan Powell shooting just beyond the upright after being fed by Dean Lewington.

With Dons so dominant, it was a huge surprise to see the scoreboard read 1-0 to Fleetwood when they scored on the counter attack in the 52nd minute.

Conor McLaughlin passed to David Ball, who had sprung the offside trap, and he lifted the ball over David Martin to put the

visitors in front. Samir Carruthers went down the other end and had a shot blocked as Dons looked for an immediate riposte.

Fleetwood were blocking everything Dons threw at them, and the evening looked like it could be a frustrating one.

Alli went on a mazy run in the 56th minute before teeing Carruthers up, who drilled his low shot wide, and Dons were in desperate need of a goal.

And that came just after the hour mark when finally Dons had a shot that wasn't blocked.

Reeves teed up Kyle McFadzean on the edge of the box, and the centre back drilled a low shot beyond Maxwell to give Dons parity at 1-1.

The goals had really brought the game to life, and Lewington made

a goal-saving tackle on Ball after Martin saved Jamie Proctor's shot in the 70th minute.

Reeves did wonderfully well to create space for himself to shoot a few minutes later, which produced a great save from Maxwell, before Alli shot over the bar in an effort which worried the Fleetwood keeper.

Dons deserved to be in front in the game, and they finally did that when Carruthers won a penalty eight minutes from time after Pond brought him down.

Sub Benik Afobe sent the keeper the wrong way to put Dons 2-1 in front and finally in control of the match.

Six minutes injury time were added on after an injury to McFadzean, but Dons prevailed and deservedly so.

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THINGS are getting there for me now but it's been a frustrating time for myself and the physio staff over the past couple of months.

It's been a complex injury to be fair, but it looks like we've turned a corner with the hamstring problem.

It's been a nightmare for nearly two months but the physio staff haven't given up on me and they've been great.

Obviously I'd like to get back into the team as quickly as possible but you have to take it slow and in that six to eight weeks I've been out, I've obviously lost some fitness.

I've tried to do some of that, but when you're resting you lose that fitness and you have to build it back up.

All the boys have been brilliant and there's been a good bit of banter.

Dean Bowditch was in a bit of a similar situation last season, and he's been really good.

His experience was quite similar but it lasted longer and it was a much more complex injury, so he had quite a tough period.

To see him doing great in the first team now gives me a bit of hope that you can get through it and it shows that it's well worth all the heartache to come back better than before.

It's just one of those things and that's football.

I wanted to come in and play and hit the ground running, and I felt like I did really well in the first few games of the season.

The boys have done really well since then, we're in a very good position and it's been really pleasing.

We've got such a good squad this season and it's a great one to be part of.

I'm a Manchester United fan and it's been a massive transition for them this season.

I think Chelsea went through it last year with Jose Mourinho, and if Man United finish in the top four in the Premier League this season or do better then it will be a great season.

I know they've got some brilliant players with the likes of Angel di Maria, but it takes time for them to gel and Man United have never been afraid to spend money, which I'm sure they'll do if they need to next summer.

FORMULA ONE

Ricciardo has what it takes to lead Red Bull, says owner

DANIEL Ricciardo can be a good leader of Red Bull Racing says the team's owner Dietrich Mateschitz.

With quadruple world champion Sebastian Vettel leaving at the end of the season and looking set for a move to Ferrari, Australian Ricciardo will have to take on a more senior role as Daniil Kvyat steps up from second team Toro Rosso to complete the driver line-up.

With Ricciardo being so impressive this season and outperforming reigning champion Vettel on several occasions, many will be expecting him to be the number one at the team in 2015, which will be only his second with the Tilbrook outfit.

Mateschitz reckons that the Vettel departure would have been a lot tougher for the team to handle had Ricciardo not been as good as he has been this season.

"If we did not have a 'team leader' then the situation would look slightly different," said Mateschitz.

"But we knew that Daniel would fill these shoes, so things were much easier. We always knew that he could fill anybody's shoes – and that all our drivers are always treated equally.

"The only difference will be that between him and Daniil next year, he has more experience."

Speaking with the Sydney Morning Herald, Ricciardo said he had never been overawed at the prospect of joining the world champions, and he says that the team treat their two drivers equally anyway, as opposed to there being a number one and a number two.

"They had to give me an equal chance because I'd shown some speed in the past," he said. "And even though Seb had been dominant for the last few years, they had no reason not to give me an even chance to shine if I could go up against him, and show the team I was as capable as him. I basically came in and the team were good."

"From day one they said: 'you are going to get

100 per cent equality, just go out there and if you can win, go and win' and that was pretty much the approach I've had.

"Just get behind the wheel, don't focus too much on Seb, just try and learn from him, but don't dwell on the fact he's team leader and a four-time champion."

Ricciardo currently lies third in the overall championship on 199 points, 92 behind leader Lewis Hamilton and 75 adrift of his Mercedes teammate Nico Rosberg.

Mercedes have already captured this year's constructors' title, won for the previous four years by Red Bull, meaning thoughts are already turning to Ricciardo and Kvyat mounting a comeback next year.

Only three races remain this season, with the United States Grand Prix next up in Austin, Texas, on November 2.

That is followed by the Brazilian Grand Prix one week after the USA, and the season culminates with the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix at

Yas Marina on November 23.

It doesn't give Ricciardo too much chance of snatching the individual title from the Mercedes drivers, but with double points at the last Formula One race this season, he does still have the thinnest of outside hopes at claiming the championship.

Despite his persona as a 'nice guy', he claims he has a ruthless streak in him, saying that otherwise he would never have made it into Formula One in the first place.

"With my personality, it is shown a lot of the time behind closed doors or with a helmet on top of my head," he said.

"But you need it. There's no way you can get to the top of anything – sport, business, anything – without having some form of ruthless streak in you."

"I genuinely enjoy my job, that's why I'm smiling a lot of the time, because it's good fun."

"I know a lot of kids who'd dream to be in my position."

ICE HOCKEY

Sheffield spoil the party

BY JACK ASH

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IT WAS A cruel re-introduction to life back in Milton Keynes for Lightning who conceded a goal in the last minute of overtime to lose 2-1 to Sheffield Steeldogs in their first game back in the city.

After spending the entirety of last season and the start of this playing in Coventry while their Planet Ice home was refurbished, Saturday night was the team's homecoming and more than 2,000 fans packed the new venue to welcome them.

They didn't witness a fairytale victory as Sheffield's Lubomir Korhon struck late but the club does now have a fantastic facility and they can look to the future with excitement and optimism.

"The night was fantastic," said Lightning head coach Nick Poole.

"The lights, the show was fantastic, and although the boys didn't get the two points they put on a great display.

"For two and a half periods I couldn't have asked for anything else. Maybe we were just lacking in the finishing department.

"It was lost where we didn't finish off some quality chances in the game and if we had finished one of them then we would have gone on to win by three or four."

Stan Lascek put Lightning in front in the English Premier League clash with the first goal in the new arena, scored on the powerplay.

Following a long strike from Ross Green, Lascek got in front of the goaltender and sent him the wrong way to give Lightning a great start.

Sheffield got back into the game in the third period thanks to a Tom Squires breakaway goal, taking advantage after Lightning's Jordan Cownie had been binned for hooking.

As the buzzer sounded for the end of the third, Cownie had a



Home sweet home:
Lightning's Adam Carr gets stuck in at the new rink.
Picture: Jez Tibbets

great chance to score the winner after having the puck squared to him but he couldn't find the finishing touch.

Going into sudden death, Tom Carlon, who was playing his last game for Lightning, had the pick of the chances before MK's Michael Farn was penalised for cross-checking.

While Lightning were a man light, the Yorkshire outfit's forward Korhon found space and finished the game off as the buzzer sounded.

Milton Keynes dominated the game for large parts and were unlucky not to have scored more than the one they did.

Green had a number of long

range attempts and skipper Adam Carr often found himself in dangerous positions.

Sheffield's Andre Payette played the pantomime villain all evening, often being at the centre of attention.

He was finally given a match penalty following an incident with Lightning's Lewis Christie who also had his game cut short in the second period.

The Lightning faithful remained loud throughout and the game's face-off had to be put back by 15 minutes due to the large volume of people.

Forward Leigh Jamieson said: "It's not the start we wanted in the new rink but it was an

unbelievable atmosphere and we couldn't have asked for better fans."

After the buzz of the homecoming, it wasn't a great Sunday for Lightning as they lost 7-1 at big-spending Telford Tigers in the EPL after Milan Kostourek had put them in front.

The results leave Lightning second from bottom in the table, and they will be looking to bounce back this weekend when they host Basingstoke Bison in their new home in an EPL game on Saturday.

Lightning then travel to NIHL Division One South side Chelmsford Chieftains on Sunday in the English Challenge Cup.

RUGBY UNION

Bletchley lose key battle but Olney triumph

BLETCHLEY'S troubled start to the season continued when they were narrowly beaten 33-28 by Maidenhead, who were second from bottom in South West One East prior to the game.

It was a battle of the bottom two sides that Bletchley needed to get something out of, but they were beaten by the margin of just one try.

The result keeps them bottom of the table, and they have another chance to get their first win of the season at Newbury Blues on Saturday.

Milton Keynes' only contribution to the scoreboard was a penalty as they were thumped 85-3 by Royal Wootton Bassett in the Southern Counties North.

They were 59-3 down at half time, and an MK player suffered a broken leg as their injury-hit start to the season continued.

MK lie second from bottom in the table with just one point, and will entertain second-placed Stow-on-the-Wold this Saturday.

Olney fought from 7-0 down to beat Oakham 21-13 at home to go fourth in the Midlands Two East South table.

The visitors were rewarded for their early persistence when, from a lineup just inside

Olney's 22, they won the ball and used their backs to score a try under the posts. The conversion by their ten was good as they went 7-0 up after ten minutes.

A move that involved Olney's backs and forwards enabled Jack Sutton to force over what was considered a try by everyone except the referee, and the effort was chalked off.

Olney continued their attempts to exploit their territorial advantage and after being awarded a penalty close to the visitors' line opted for a scrum.

They won the ball and the visitors were penalised again, for offside. The tap and drive ended with the ball in Brandon Kerr's hands, coming from full back, who forced over to touch down. The conversion attempt was foiled by the wind and Olney closed the gap to 7-5 at 24 minutes.

Olney continued to put the visitors' line under pressure but Oakham were defending all that the hosts could throw at them.

The breakthrough finally came after 65 minutes when the ball went loose following a line-out to Oakham and Cameron Kok used his considerable presence to charge over and touch down.

Jonny Munday added the conversion to give Olney a lead of 12-7 half way through the second half.

Following the restart, Oakham were awarded a penalty for the home defenders going offside at a ruck. The kick for goal was converted, closing the gap to 12-10.

From the kick-off Olney made ground into the visitors' 22 but a penalty for offside brought them back into their own half.

A long clearance by Kerr took play into the opposition 22 and a scrum followed by a penalty, in their favour, gave Munday the opportunity to add three points and make it 15-10 to Olney with five minutes left.

In added time Oakham were given a lifeline, a penalty converted by their ten closed the score to 15-13.

Olney, not to be outdone, followed up the kick-off, won a scrum on Oakham's 22, and Munday ran through the defence to score and convert to wrap it up in Olney's favour and give them a 22-13 win.

Olney will have a great test of their promotion credentials on Saturday when they play current table toppers Wellingborough at home.

SPORTS SHORTS

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

NEWPORT Pagnell Town beat Northampton Sileby Rangers 4-3 in the United Counties League Premier Division last Tuesday night thanks to a Dom Lawless brace, Jared Cunliffe and John Thorpe.

In the UCL Knock-Out Cup, Deanio Bailey-Browne and Jamie Burrows scored for Olney Town in their 2-0 win against Rushden and Higham United. Bailey-Browne scored again on Saturday in their 2-1 Division One defeat to Thrapston Town.

In the Spartan South Midlands League Division One, Stony Stratford Town were beaten 4-2 by FC Broxbourne Borough. In Division Two, Clean Slate were thumped 8-2 by Brimsdown, Willen drew 2-2 at Tring Corinthians, Old Bradwell United drew 1-1 with Pitstone & Ivinghoe and New Bradwell St Peter beat The 61 FC (Luton) 3-1.

In the Milton Keynes Sunday League, Olney Town beat Inter Faith 4-2. The Garage MK lost 5-3 to Open University, Punjab United defeated Swanfca 5-2 and Willen beat Stony Stratford Town 2-1.

TENNIS

THE Tennis MK Singles League begins on November 13, with entry costing £15. To apply go to www.localtennisleagues.com/miltonkeynes/joinnow by Monday November 10.

ATHLETICS

MARSHALL Milton Keynes Athletic Club member Maria Calleia improved her PB to 3:36.22 in the Chicago Marathon.

At the Abingdon Marathon, Gary Blaber was 29th also with a PB of 2:52m.20s.

At the multi-terrain Ridgeway Run near Tring, Daniel Webber finished eighth.

ROLLER DERBY

MK ROLLER Derby's new mixed-gender team the Co-ed Breakers beat the Awesome Brawlers 270-56 – a team of skaters from Suffolk Roller Derby and Peterborough's Borderland Brawlers.

The Udder Team, the women's outfit, beat Heartlands Rising Stars 260-73.

DRAGONBOAT RACING

THE four-race Henley-on-Thames Winter Series has begun with MK club Secklow Hundred finishing sixth.

KORFBALL

MK LAKERS fell to two defeats – against Harrow in the South Midlands Korfball Association League and Ely Vikings in the South East Regional League.

MOTORSPORT

MILTON Keynes karter Joe Turner has been ranked among the top ten cadet drivers in the UK by the Motorsport Association after success in two national championships.

He finished seventh in the Little Green Man competition, which is a national championship of eight rounds, and tenth in the official British Championship.

HOCKEY

MILTON Keynes men's 1sts scored their first goals of the season as Liam Foster bagged a brace in a 3-2 defeat to Oxford Hawks, which keeps them bottom of the South Hockey League Premier Division One.

The Women's 1sts picked up a 1-1 draw with Sonning in the South Clubs' Women's Hockey League Division 3A.

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Birmingham's approach for Robbo turned down

LEAGUE ONE
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BY SCOTT KIRK

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DONS came from behind to beat Fleetwood last night just hours after the club turned down an approach from Birmingham City for manager Karl Robinson.

The Championship club targeted Robinson to replace the sacked Lee Clark but the request was blocked by Dons chairman Pete Winkelman ahead of the victory at stadiummk.

Robinson said he was surprised about the news after the match, saying: "It came as a shock.

"The chairman has said no and we move on.

"I'm flattered as it's a massive football club but I'm also flattered by the chairman's response."

Dons had earlier revealed that Robinson 'wouldn't be going anywhere' after news of the approach broke and they will be keen to draw a line under any speculation.

The manager has regularly pledged his loyalty and fans will certainly not want to lose their boss after a fine display against Fleetwood saw Dons come from behind to win and move up to fourth in the League One table.

"We were very, very dominant," Robinson said.

"We haven't been able to stand up and be counted on these evenings but we have tonight.

"I thought we were magnificent."

It was a quiet opening to the game but that changed in the tenth minute as Dean Bowditch

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Spot on: Benik Afobe celebrates putting Dons in front from the penalty spot last night.

Picture: Andy Handley

Knights crowned MDL champions on default after play-off problem

MILTON Keynes Knights have been crowned champions of the Midland Development Speedway League after a re-arranged date for their play-off final with Rye House Raiders couldn't be found.

The first attempt to contest the final had to be called off when the Raiders' Robb Watts injured his back during the practice, which meant there was no medical cover for the races. Since then, efforts have been made to re-arrange the clash.

Both clubs and the MDL co-ordinators, Dale Allitt and Laurence Rogers, approached all clubs still running fixtures within a defined geographical area, but despite all their efforts no alternative venue has been found.

Allitt therefore said that Milton Keynes, who race in Mildenhall, would be awarded the title as they topped the overall table after just two defeats.

Chris Camp from the Knights said: "As promoters we have spent a considerable amount of time and effort to try and secure a suitable venue to accommodate the final, all to no avail.

"While we would have preferred to win the title on the track, we are very proud to have won the Midland Development League for a second time.

"It has been a fantastic achievement by the team who have been top of the table from the very first meeting of our season, and who have remained unbeaten at our adopted home of Mildenhall Speedway."

Knights have not heard any further on the subject of them returning to Milton Keynes, so Camp added that they would make preparations for being and not being in the city come the start of next season.

The team hopes to reveal more news at the Knights' end of season event on November 15.



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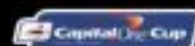
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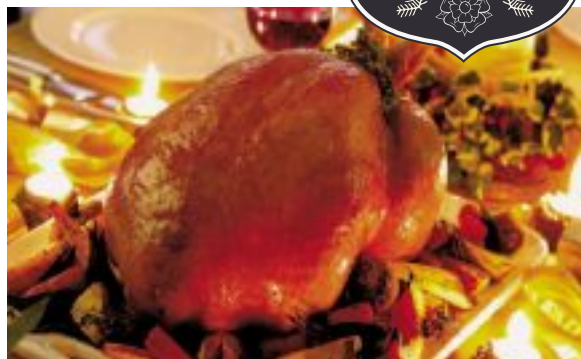
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